

Absecon Presbyterian Church

PRESBY BITS AND PIECES

Sunday, February 26, 2023

MATTHEW 4:1-4

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS

The second of three New Member Classes will be on Sunday, February 26, 2023 immediately following the service in Cobb Lounge. Our first class was led by Don Wong with lots of interaction and bonding.

Upcoming Events

ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Two groups are meeting in Cobb Lounge and studying "The Chosen" Season 2.

Wednesday morning at 10:30 am with Rita Abelson

Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm with Tina Harvey.

PASSOVER SEDER

will be held at Absecon United Methodist Church on March 12, 2023 at 5:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY / GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

will be held at Absecon United Methodist Church on April 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm

BLOOD DRIVE

April 7, 2023 - 1:00-6:00pm

SERVING THIS MORNING:

Lay Assistant:
Gay Channell

Ushers:
Mary Bew and Joan Nale

Attendance Last Week:

Worship - 52
Sunday School - 6

Sunday Worship at 10:30

In Person or Online on
APC Facebook page at
[www.facebook.com/
abseconpresby](http://www.facebook.com/abseconpresby)

Rev. Dr. Cheni Khonje
is with us again this Sunday
as our Temporary
Pulpit Supply Minister

Sermon Title:
"True Lies"

Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

will be held at Heritage Park
April 9, 2023 at 6:30 am

LIFELINE HEALTH SCREENING

They will be returning on Tuesday, May 9, 2023
8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

on April 27, 2023

Prayers of the People

Each week the people of God at APC join in prayers of thanksgiving, praise and petition to pray as one community for needs in the church. Praying for others keeps our focus outward and opens us up to know the will of God in our own lives. Consider making these prayer lists part of your daily prayer life. Doing so, may just help your feelings of isolation. Through prayer, the Holy Spirit brings others, even strangers, closer to you.

Please Keep These Requests In Prayer

**The prayer book is on the table in the vestibule by the side entrance to the sanctuary.
Please write any requests/praise items you wish to be included in prayer during worship.**

Keep in mind that Facebook comments and requests read by the minister during worship are being recorded for broadcast and can be heard by the general public worldwide. For the privacy of those you are praying for, consider using just a first name or making your prayer requests general in nature.

- † For victims of gun violence and their families
- † For the situation in Ukraine and World Leaders
- † For the refugees and children of Ukraine and for the Ukrainian Church
- † For God's guidance as we continue the process of calling a new pastor.
- † Members of our armed services.
- † For an end to this pandemic, protection for those most at risk.
- † For confidence to know that in the struggle, God is with us.
- † For renewed commitment to God's purpose in us all.
- † For us to come together in the bond of self-giving love.

- † For renewed energy in finding our place in God's church,
as people who pray, share and volunteer.
- † For wisdom and discernment when facing the unknown.
- † For God's church to embrace the poor and marginalized,
to see God's image and be God's image in this broken world.
- † For a revival in our faith to live boldly for God's Kingdom.
- † For these individuals and families in acute need right now who are connected to your
church in Absecon.
- † For those on our standing prayer list and for the needs of your church not listed here, in-
cluding those intentions held in our hearts and those shared in the comments of Facebook.

**For these the individuals and families in acute need right now who are connected to
your church in Absecon:**

The Family of Katie Beem, Skip Bellino, Kathy Bordanora, Olive Brown, Maddie Caracozzo, Don Croneberger, The Family of Ginny Davenport, Robin Deaver, Julie Dougherty, Jerry Falivene, Cathy Follansbee, Wendy Garwood, Christopher Green, Carol and Dave Guenther, Hackney-Will Family, Alex Hall, John Harvey, Jack Heil, The Hughes Family, Carol Johnson, Carol McDowell, Marjorie McGuigan, Jim McManus, The Morris Family, Lisa Nagle, Gary Price, Sue, Minerva Stadlmeir, Bill Young, Stan Weir.

Continued prayers always for:

Rita Abelson, Kathy Boyte, Edith Budd, Emilia Carboy, Lucy Cronberger, Darryl, Khristen and Quentin, Olga Davies, Carol DeLaurentis, Jean Delesantro, Marie C. and Carmen Devece, Gail Driscoll, Kavonna and Essence, Dorie Keener, Eric Lajeuness, Aiden and Wendy Licolli, Marge Loeb, Robin McBrearty, JoAnn Morgan, Essie Newell, Rob Perry, Joyce Pfeiffer, Marilyn Rosado, Irene Smith, Judy Stebbins, Doris Steele, Georgina Umoren, Mary Umoren and Family, Ethel Washington, Frances Weir, Dirk Williamson

Please join us for

Coffee Mingle

All are welcome to gather in Madden Hall
following Sunday worship.

Brought to you by your Church Family
and Fellowship Committee.

Help is needed with set up, clean up, and
providing baked goods, cookies, etc.

If you are able to assist in any way please sign up on the
clipboard in the vestibule.

Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

Words in a straight line left to right or top to bottom

February 26, 2023

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Words in the puzzle are printed in *bold italics*

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ME and MY M&M's

I have always liked M & M's.
The most diverse multicultural integrated candy in the world.
You have your red ones, your yellow ones, your orange ones,
your brown ones, and your green ones, (and the newest blue ones).
All in one package, all co-existing Together.
One color doesn't think that it is superior to the other.
One color doesn't discriminate against the other.
All colors are the same size, shape and weight.
All colors look different on the outside,
but have the same ingredients on the inside.
M & M's all have the same flavor,
and they all taste G-o-o-o-d.
Not all M & M's are perfect though, some have Nuts!!!
In the real world we call them racists, and bigots.
Would it be nice if, like M & M's, our prejudices,
melted into the abyss like chocolate melts in our mouth?
And all people were judged by what was inside,
rather than the color you see on the outside???
If candy can be prejudice free, WHY CAN'T WE???

Dr. Marilyn Kern-Foxworth



MARGE McGUIGAN

Please keep Marge in your thoughts and prayers.
Here is her address if you'd like to send her a "Thinking of You" card

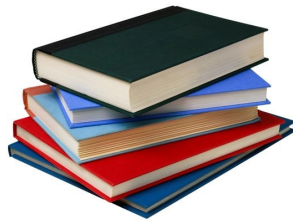
Marge McGuigan
Room #222
C/O The Shores at Wesley Manor
2022 Bay Avenue
Ocean City, NJ 08226

OFFERINGS

For those members and friends who use the Presbytery Foundation Online Giving program, there are no notifications about the special offerings which are part of our weekly envelopes. There are five of them in each box: **Initial Offering, Per Capita, and three for Energy (one in January; the second, late September; and, the third, early December).**

At the front of each box are the Initial Offering envelope to cover printing costs and a Per Capita envelope (*Per Capita Tax Per Each Member \$38*). The Per Capita amount is our individual memberships (based on 145 members) to the Presbyterian Church, which was sent to our Presbytery in early February (\$5,365.00 based on 145 members). They, in turn, forward a portion to the General Assembly and the Synod of New Jersey; the balance used by the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey. **Yes**, we already have made our payment for this year; but, **No**, we did not receive sufficient envelopes to cover the payment. If you give online, please make your payment as a "**Special Need**" donation and under **Note** indicate it is for **Per Capita**. If you give, using the weekly envelopes, please don't forget the Initial and Per Capita envelopes.

And throughout the year, please do not forget the three Energy envelopes that we count on to cover our utility bills. Again, for those giving online, please indicate a "**Special Need**" donation and under **Note** indicate it is for **Energy**.



TO ALL READERS:

Gerry Hoenes left Joanie with a large selection of excellent books.
Call her to make arrangements to go over and select any books you wish.
Joanie's number is 609-641-1839.

OUR TREASURER

Anne Hyatt, our Treasurer, has advised us that she will be resigning her position to enjoy her retirement. We will miss Anne very much and wish her all the very best!

Sandy Shinsato, Personnel Chair, has asked if anyone knows of someone who would like to join our staff as Treasurer. It is a part time position (about 6 hours a week); requiring knowledge of Quick Books and ADP payroll inputting and reporting; and preparing, issuing and mailing checks.

If you have someone to recommend, please call Sandy in the evening (609 948-0251) or email her (smay1020@gmail.com).

Deposit made February 17, 2023

General

Loose Envelopes Undesig- nated	\$543.75
Envelopes Desig- nated	\$530.00
Per Capita Initial Offering Energy	

General Total \$1,073.75

Benevolence

Loose Envelopes Undesig- nated	\$62.50
Envelopes Desig- nated	
Mission Evange- lism Y/E Donation	

Benevolence Total \$62.50

Capital Expendi- tures

Loose Envelopes Undesig- nated	\$18.75
Envelopes Desig- nated	\$300.00

Capital Total \$318.75

Combined Total \$1,455.00

Please know that we love each and every one of you, and you continue to be in our prayers.
Stay safe – Follow Official Guidelines – and Know You Are Loved!

Peanut Butter and Jam Sandwiches Ministry



Would you like to volunteer making the sandwiches?

Would you like to donate peanut butter and/or jam?

Just leave the jars in the kitchen with a note saying it's for PB&J Ministry!

Monetary donations will help with our purchases of fresh bread.



Questions?

Please see or call Betty Price at 609 457-5155.

Your gifts and/or time will be very much appreciated!

How fortunate the Church is to have John Harvey, Betty Price and Jo-ann Weller who meet every other Thursday at 8 a.m., in the Church kitchen and make peanut butter and jam sandwiches for the Rescue Mission in Atlantic City. Maybe you could give them a helping hand

Be assured, the Rescue Mission patrons appreciate everything that they receive.



Please help
replenish our
homemade soups
and breads for
our shut-in
members.

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| LABEL your soups and breads and |
| please, DO NOT use nuts in your |
| recipes as many people have an |
| allergy to them. |
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American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive **Lolla Chiropractic Center**

Hall
208 New Jersey Ave.
Absecon, NJ 08201

Friday, April 7, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Lolla Chiro to schedule an appointment.



Be cool. Give blood. Come give April 1-23 for an exclusive American Red Cross and PEANUTS T-shirt featuring Snoopy as the coolest beagle in town, Joe Cool! Get yours, while supplies last - then show off your cool, kind spirit.

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